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Council Member Jacob Frey
City Hall Room 307
350 South 5th Street
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Dear Council Member,

At the April 15th MHNA Board meeting, we unanimously voted to support the Stone Arch Bike Boulevard traffic calming funding to be directed to design and construction of two traffic circles, depending on flooding impact analysis, as recommended by Public Works Surface and Stormwater Division. Board members who have been critical of other traffic calming strategies voted for and spoke in favor of the traffic circles. Key points:

- Sixth Avenue is highlighted as a priority riverfront connection in our Master Plan Update, and distinguishing it visually and functionally advances that plan
- This project advances the goal of "making the streets ours" from the Master Plan Update
- This project advances our neighborhood greening priorities, as the circles are on an ash-tree dominant two-block stretch; while some of the trees are being treated, others have already been removed and replaced with saplings

The two traffic circle locations would be at 7th Street - a low point topographically - and 6th Street, eliminating two sets of stop signs. Comments offered at the meeting: one landowner who vehemently opposed the choker design spoke in support of a traffic circle at 7th Street; another asked to make sure that the Fire Department is included in design review for the 6th Street/6th Avenue circle, as the fire station is on 6th Street. Snow removal/winter navigation information will be helpful.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help at this time.

Sincerely,

Cordelia Pierson

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MHNA President

cc: Simon Blenski, Public Works